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WATER RESOURCES

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Gary Spackman, Interim Director
Idaho Department of Water Resources
322 East Front Street
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Boise, Idaho 83720-0098

Re: Big Wood Water Supply

Dear Director Spackman,

The Board of Directors of the Big Wood Canal Company is encouraged by the Departments recent formation of a Ground Water Measurement District in the Upper Big Wood and Camas Creek areas. We have requested some type of measurement and control of water use in these areas for a number of years. Impacts from junior ground water pumping has been experienced in recent years and coupled with low snow packs has left us with short water supplies. The 2011 irrigation water supply was more than adequate and left us with a good carry over in Magic Reservoir however 2012 until the recent storms has been far below average. It appears that we should have an adequate water supply for 2012 but if temperatures turn cold and conditions dry out for the balance of the snow accumulation season we could still experience shortages in our supply.

Big Wood Canal will be making a call on the junior ground water rights in the Upper Big Wood and Camas areas should we experience a shortage of irrigation water for the 2012 season or at any time we experience shortages in the future.

Sincerely,



Carl Pendleton,
Chairman, Big Wood Canal
Company Board of Directors

cc: Kevin Lakey
Rob Struthers